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SUBJECT: CAE INTEREST IN C-130'S

REF: A. BANGUI 2291 B. STATE 288484 (NOTAL) C. BANGUI 2337 (,95-))

1. AT THE END OF MY DECEMBER 7 CALL ON EMPEROR BOKASSA, HE RAISED WITH ME HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF A C-130 HERCULES TO DEAL WITH THE SERIOUS IMPORT BOTTLENECK AT DOUALA AND POINTE NOIRE. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD SENT A TEAM LEAD BY HIS YOUNG U.S.-EDUCATED ECONOMIC ADVISOR GUY DARLAN TO DISCUSS THIS REQUEST WITH THE EXIM-BANK IN WASHINGTON (REF B). HE ASKED THAT WE GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS URGENTLY-NEEDED PROJECT ON WHICH THE CAE HAD ALREADY MADE A DOWN PAYMENT OF 9 MILLION CFA (\$36,000).

2. IN LINE WITH REF B I TOLD BOKASSA THAT ANY CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST WOULD DEPEND ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE ARREARAGES QUESTIONS. I SAID I WAS CERTAIN THAT THE EXIM-BANK WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY FINANCING FOR A C-130 UNLESS THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEM WAS CLEARED UP. BOKASSA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION. HIS GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING STEPS TO PUT THE PTT'S FINANCES ON A SOUND FOOTING AS EVIDENCED BY THE TRANSFER OF ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL LINES AVAILABLE FROM  
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THE GOVERNMENT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE REVISED REPAYMENT SCHEDULE HIS GOVERNMENT HAD PREPARED WAS A SERIOUS EFFORT TO

MEET THESE COMMITMENTS.

3. COMMENT: BOKASSA DID NOT MENTION PATASSE'S AIRLIFT PROPOSAL (REF A) AND IS CLEARLY FOCUSING ON THE PRUCHASE OF A C-130 TO MEET THE CAE'S IMPORT DIFFICULTIES. CONSEQUENTLY I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE AND NOT RESPOND AS WE HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED (REF A) WITH AN OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SHOULD APTASSE, WHO HAS BEEN RECONFIRMED AS PRIME MINISTER, RETURN TO THE SUBJECT WITH ME, I WOULD PROPOSE TO TELL HIM THAT BOKASSA HAD DISCUSSED WITH ME THE FINANCING OF A SINGLE C-130 AND THAT THIS ISSUE WAS BEING PURSUED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE EXIM-BANK DIRECTLY.  
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